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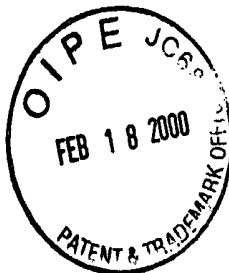
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BURDENED AND PROTEIN LADEN GRAIN



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Attached are copies of the references listed on the attached PTO 1449 Form for consideration by the Examiner. Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO 1449 Form, as well as an initialed copy of the PTO 1449 Form filed January 6, 2000, pursuant to MPEP §609, is requested.

As the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, no fee is believed required for consideration of the attached. Moreover, a first Action on the merits is yet to be received such that no fee should be required.

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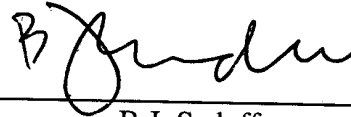
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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus a return of a copy of the herewith filed PTO 1449 Form as well as a copy of the previously filed PTO 1449 Form with the Examiner's initials in the left column, pursuant to MPEP §609, along an early and favorable Action on the merits, are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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